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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, HTAUTOMAT
Office of Scientific Intelligence
ELINT Staff Officer, OSI
Office of Current Intelligence

SUBJECT : Classification of Operational Memoranda
in Support of Project AQUATONE

1. On occasion, the addressees are called upon to produce memoranda for Project AQUATONE addressed to the Director or to components of the Project. Such memoranda, while related to the operations themselves, do not involve nor are they derived from the intelligence product of AQUATONE missions. It would be appreciated in such cases if you would give these memoranda a TOP SECRET or SECRET or unclassified classification as required by the subject matter and the purposes to be served (such as relay to a contractor) using [REDACTED] (which can be obtained from the Project RI) instead of [REDACTED]

2. It is recognized that it is easier for the addressees, being offices which consume TALENT materials, to put memoranda such as discussed above into the TALENT system. This is, however, undesirable because of the inhibitions which are unwarrantedly imposed upon the Project in the handling of these various pieces of paper inasmuch as some of the Project officials are not TALENT-cleared but require use of the information in your memoranda.

3. By way of further clarification, let me point out that since the Project knows about its own business we need have no concern to protect information about itself from Project participants. The Project recipient has that responsibility. Our job in the TALENT system is to use it to protect the intelligence product of Project AQUATONE so as to not reveal the source to unauthorized personnel.

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4. The foregoing comments do not, of course, relate to Special Intelligence which must be handled within the relevant security procedures.

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